REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the foreign priority document 0103130.1. It is requested the certified copy be placed in the file.

The Abstract has been objected to due to length and repetition. The Abstract has been amended accordingly.

The specification and claims have been objected as containing such words as "characterized", "program", and "programs". The specification and claims have therefore been amended accordingly and a substitute specification and claims have herewith been filed which contain no any new matter.

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 USC 112 for insufficient antecedent basis for the term "servers." Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to replace the word "servers" with the words "server computers" thereby providing proper antecedent basis. Likewise, claim 3 has been amended to provide the same antecedent basis for the term "server computers."

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kenner et al. as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,956,716. While it is clear that Kenner relates to the same general field as the current invention, there are significant differences that impact on the different aims of the Kenner invention as compared to applicant's invention.

In Kenner, the user can make a selection of one or a number of video clips which they wish to retrieve from local and/or remote storage locations. Upon these selections the PIM, which is at a remote location from the users computer terminal, attempts to identify all of the requested clips and their storage locations. (see column 5 lines 1-20). A SDI is created by the PIM for the clips requested and the DSI then collects the clips from the required location and delivers the same electronically to the users terminal. However, the order in which the clips are delivered is controlled by the PIM and for transmission management reasons the clips may be provided in a different order to that which the user requested (col5 lines 27-31). The clips can then be stored locally at the users computer and processed viewed, printed or otherwise used as required.

In applicant's invention, the user also makes a request for one or more video clips, and the video clips are retrieved from a remote location or locations. However, the fundamental difference as compared to the prior art is that in applicant's invention the clips are obtained and stored at a remote server, and are ordered in accordance with a particular sequence which is selected by the user and which sequence or play list details are held at the remote server. Thus, the obtaining of the clips and sequencing of the clips is in line with the users request and is not controlled by the system as is the case in Kenner. A further difference is that the video clips are not transferred to the users terminal as such. Instead the clip files are retained at the server and played at the server. The user is able to view the playing of the files via a viewer at their local computer and
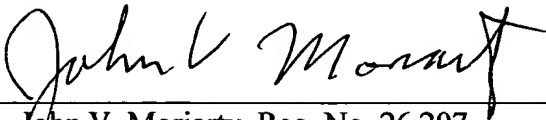
the connection to the server. Thus, the clip files do not need to be transferred to the local machine and are instead processed and ordered as required for playing at the remote server. As a result, there is little or no processing required to be performed at the users terminal which means that the user does not need to have a powerful processor computer and as a result they also experience no or minimum delay in viewing the sequence of clips.

Thus, in Kenner the system described is a way of retrieving selected video clips in an efficient manner so as to improve the speed with which the same are delivered tot he users terminal to allow the user to then process the clips as they see fit. In contrast, in the current invention, the system allows the retrieval of the selected video clips and also the processing and sequencing of the clips in accordance with the users instructions at a remote server. This therefore means that all the processing of the clips has been performed in accordance with user preferences before the clips are transmitted to the users terminal and so the user will receive the clips in the required form and sequence for viewing at their terminal.

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 USC 112 since it contains the combination "and/or". Thus, claim 3 has been amended to delete the "/or" and a new claim 6 has been added to provide the alternative language.

Applicant has studied the prior art and believes the amended claims are now

patentably distinct therefrom. It is therefore requested the application be formally

allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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